

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT AJS04/41275

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : C25B 9/00; C25C 1/02; C02F 1/461

US CL : 204/242, 245, 275.1, 278.5, 290.1205/62S, 633,755-758,

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 205/629-632, 634-639

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No
X	US 4,225,401 (Divisek et al) 30 September 1980(30.9.1980), abstract, column 3 lines 51- 61,	1,3
—	column 4 lines 37-39.	4
Y		
Y	US 4,587,001 (Cairns et al) 6 May 1986(6 15.1986), column 1, lines 4-8, column 5 lines 1- 33.	2

**D** Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. **D** See patent family annex.

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### BOX III. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to a flow-through oxygenator.

Group II, claim 5, drawn to an oxygen supersaturated water product.

Group III, claims 6-8, drawn to a method for using the apparatus.

The inventions listed as Groups I-III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Claim 1 is obvious in view of Divisek et al. US 4,225,401 accordingly the special technical features linking to the groups above does not provide a contribution over the prior art and no single inventive concept exists.